RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.121, mailed December 28, 2009, and further to the telephonic correspondence with the Examiner of January 7, 2010, Applicants submit the following remarks.

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed December 28, 2009, alleging that the Applicants had not addressed the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection present in the Office Action dated March 4, 2009. Applicants respectfully submit that the September 1, 2009, Amendment filed in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2009 included an amendment to claim 8, which addressed the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection to claim 8. In particular, in the Office Action of March 4, 2009, claim 8 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with regard to the phrase "such as" which, in the amendment to claim 8, the phrase, "such as" was deleted, thereby rendering the rejection to claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, moot. Accordingly, the amendment to claim 8 was responsive to the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit

that the previous amendment to claim 8 obviates the rejection raised under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, and further in view of the amendment filed September 1, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 11, 2010

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